

CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH OCTOBER 2016:

President Richard West opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 16 members of Croydon Philatelic Society present. The speaker **Roger Dickinson** was invited to present his display on **Canada**.



The display began in 1867 with the formation of the Dominion of Canada. Roger explained how the country grew with the acquisition of land that makes up the present areas of Canada. The population in these early years was 3.5 million compared with the present population of 31 million.

The first half display covered stamps of the Victorian era and the first issue was the "Large Queens". There were problems with the paper for printing with 10 separate types having been identified and on display. Each issue showed the stamps and then examples of the different postal rates on cover. As well as stamps and postal history there were examples of wrappers from newspapers, private postcards (allowed from 1895), advertising covers and registration letters. The development of the railway and the expansion of Canada in the second part of the 19th century led to the expansion of the mail system.

The second half of the display covered the period from 1901 to 1951 with stamps of the reigns of Edward VII, George V and George VI. The various stamp issues on show were accompanied by a range of postal history. The stamps

showed a variety of shades, printings, colours and rate changes. A feature of the display was a number of advertising covers. The second half also showed some commemorative issues which had become more common in the 20th century. The final stamp in the display was a George VI stamp commemorating the Royal Visit in 1951 of Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh.

It was an excellent collection, well written up and enjoyed by the members present. Chris Hitchen gave the Vote of Thanks and the meeting closed at 21.45 hours.

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